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KISSINGER TRIP: PAKISTAN MEDIA CONTINUED
TO HIGHLIGHT KISSINGER SHUTTLE WITH REPORTS
REFLECTING OPTIMISM ABOUT OUTCOME OF MISSION.
WEDNESDAY RADIO TV AND PRESS PLAYED PRESIDENT
NYERERE STATEMENT HE IS NO LONGER "GLOOMY ABOUT
PROSPECTS FOR A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT", AND HIS
DISCLOSURE THAT SMITH HAS ACCEPTED PRINCIPAL OF
MAJORITY RULE WITHIN 18 MONTHS TO TWO YEARS.
THURSDAY MEDIA PROMINENTLY REPORTED IAN
SMITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HIS CABINET HAS AGREED
TO PROPOSAL FOR ENDING WHITE MAJORITY RULE IN
RHODESIA, "I HOPE DR. KISSINGER WILL BE PLEASED
WITH WHAT WE HAVE DECIDED."

INDEPENDENT DAWN THURSDAY HIGHLIGHTED REACTION
OF RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADER NKOMO SAYING
THERE ARE "VERY SERIOUS FLAWS" IN KISSINGER'S
RHODESIAN PEACE PACKAGE, AND THAT "WHAT IS DONE
NEXT WILL HINGE ON WHAT IS DONE ABOUT FLAWS."
EDITORIAL COMMENTS: COMMENTING ON KISSINGER RHODESIAN
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PROPOSALS INDEPENDENT HURRIYET ALLEGED U.S. HAS

OFFERED TWO MILLION DOLLARS OF AID TO RHODESIAN WHITES IN RETURN FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE. HURRIYET SAID QUOTE" THE REPORT GIVEN BY PRESIDENT NYERERE QUOTING KISSINGER MEANS THAT SMITH HAS ACCEPTED MORE OR LESS THE SAME SUGGESTIONS WHICH WERE BEING ADVOCATED BY U.K. IT IS SURPRISING THAT RHODESIAN WHITES ACCEPTED U.S. SUGGESTIONS AFTER U.K. FAILED IN GETTING THEIR APPROVAL. THERE SHOULD BE SOME WEIGHTY REASONS FOR THIS. WHILE SEARCHING FOR THESE WEIGHTY REASONS, ONE SHOULD ABANDON ANY ETHICAL POINT OF VIEW. IT SEEMS THAT THE RHODESIAN WHITE MINORITY WAS RELUCTANT TO LOSE ITS AGRICULTURAL AND MINERAL RESOURCES. U.K. WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE ANY ASSURANCE IN THIS RESPECT. KISSINGER PRESENTED A PLAN WHICH FORCED SMITH TO GIVE IT A SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAD HINTED IN PRETORIA ABOUT A PLAN OF SETTING UP A TWO BILLION DOLLAR FUND FOR COMPENSATING THE WHITES LOSSES. IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT RHODESIAN WHITES WILL ACCEPT THE PLAN. IN THIS WAY U.S. WILL PURCHASE FREEDOM FOR THE RHODESIAN PEOPLE AND IN RETURN EARN THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND CONTAIN GROWING RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN THE AFRICAN CONTINENT."

MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE: MEDIA GENERALLY FOCUSED ON REACTION TO PAKISTAN PROPOSAL FOR THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE AS IT REPORTED "GROUP OF 77" MEXICO MEETING. LATEST REPORTS SAID CONFERENCE HAS DECIDED THAT PAKISTAN PROPOSAL BE CONSIDERED BY INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS OF "GROUP OF 77" AND CONSULTATIONS THEREON BE HELD IF AND WHEN APPROPRIATE.

GIVING PAKISTAN REACTION TO DECISION REPORTS QUOTED FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ AHMAD REMARK "PERSONALLY I THINK WE HAVE MADE AN EXCELLENT START IN CARRYING FORWARD THE PROPOSAL." X LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE: INDEPENDENT DAWN EDIT DISCUSSED THE DEVELOPMENTS AND STANDS OF VARIOUS GROUPS AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AND ADDED QUOTE ALL SAID AND DONE, THE OVERALL PROSPECTS DO NOT JUSTIFY THE PREMATURE PRESSIMISM CONVEYED IN DR KISSINGER'S WARNING IN APRIL

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THAT "IF THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT COMPLETED THIS YEAR THE WORLD WILL HAVE LOST ITS BEST CHANCE TO ACHIEVE A TREATY IN THIS GENERATION." THE U.S. SECRETARY RENEWED THE WARNING IN AUGUST DURING A VISIT TO THE UN...ASSERTING THAT UNLESS A CONSENSUS WAS REACHED SOON, US FIRMS WOULD PROCEED TO MINE THE DEEP SEABED UNILATERALLY. IN VIEW OF THE NEW CLIMATE CREATED BY THE TALKS IN NEW YORK, THE U.S.

WILL BE WELL ADVISED TO GO ALONG WITH THE OVER-
WHELMING MAJORITY AND GIVE MORE TIME TO THE HARD-
PRESSED NEGOTIATORS. AFTER ALL, WHEN THE FIRST
SESSION BEGAN IN CARACAS IN 1974, IT WAS A FIRM PRINCIPLE
WITH EVERYBODY THAT THAT NO COUNTRY WOULD TAKE
UNILATERAL ACTION ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE
CONFERENCE UNTIL A NEW PACKAGE OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW WAS FULLY TIED UP UNQUOTE.
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